GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MALARIA CASES FROM GOA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 19 Malaria cases,has been reported as imported largely from Goa to Europe;

(b) if so,the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government has sounded an alert to Public Health Authorities in Goa;and

(d) if so,the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir,In the Euro surveillance Vol. 13, Issue 1-3, Jan-Mar 2008, 19 Malaria cases have been reported since 2006 from India,largely from Goa. Further, during 2006-07 Eight P falciparum cases were reported from among tourists returning from Goa to the European Network on Imported Infectious Diseases Surveillance.

(c) & (d): The situation of malaria is monitored continuously and the state Govt. is taking control measures,which include intensive surveillance,screening of migratory laborers,complete treatment of malaria positive cases,intensive larviciding in and around construction sites and mobilization of community as well as builders for taking up control measures.The State has also introduced bye-laws under which all labour population is screened for malaria on their arrival and provided treatment.